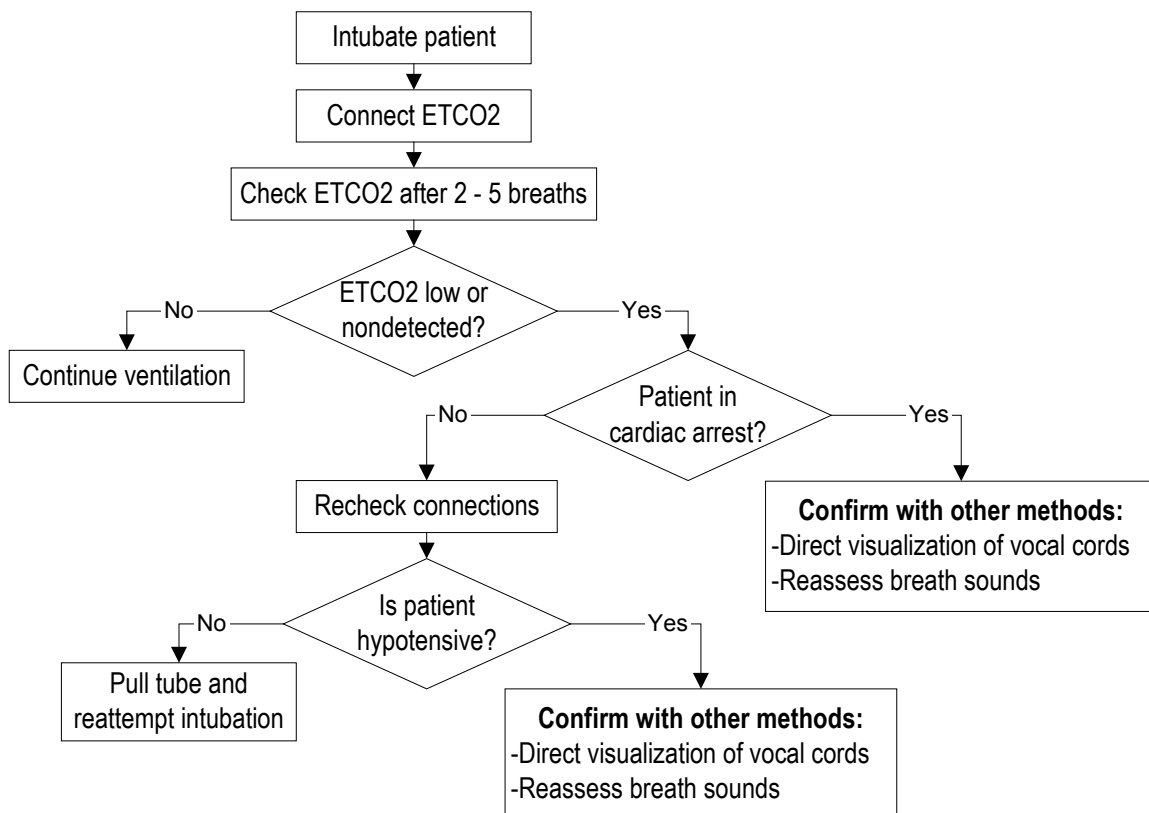


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**MILWAUKEE COUNTY EMS
PRACTICAL SKILL
CONFIRMATION OF
INTUBATION**

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Purpose: To confirm that an endotracheal tube has been correctly placed in the patient's trachea; to confirm that a patient is being ventilated through the correct port of the Combitube.		Indications: Critically ill patient who is intubated with an endotracheal tube or Combitube.	
Advantages: Confirms that supplemental oxygen is being delivered to the patient's lungs	Disadvantages: None	Complications: Inaccurate reading due to misplacement of ETT or ventilation through wrong port of Combitube.	Contraindications: None



NOTES:

- ETCO2 can be used in addition to listening for breath sounds with the Combitube to confirm ventilation through the proper tube.
- A normal ETCO2 reading is between 33 and 43 mmHg.
- The ETCO2 waveform can be used as a guide to CPR compressions and return of spontaneous circulation.
- The ETCO2 should be recorded whenever vital signs are checked and after moving the patient. Minimally, the value should be recorded immediately after intubation and upon arrival at the hospital (or when resuscitative efforts are stopped).